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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On Title Page Item 57

In the Abstract, line 16, please change "+an" to --  $+a_{\min}$  --

Column 5, line 18, please change "130, IXU" to -- 130. IXU --

Column 5, line 44, please change "PEP" to -- PIP --

Column 9, line 48, please change " $+a_{\min}$ " to --  $+a_{\max}$  --

Column 9, line 49, please change the second " $+a_{\min}$ " to --  $+a_{\max}$  --

Column 9, line 65, please change "Fin" to --  $E_{\min}$  --

Column 11, line 12, please change "selected-to" to -- selected to --

Column 11, line 25, please change the second " $\pm a_{\min}/4$ " to --  $\pm 3a_{\min}/4$  --

Column 12, line 53, please change "Gamins" to --  $+a_{\min}$  --

Column 13, line 36, please change the second " $\pm a_{\min}/4$ " to --  $\pm 3a_{\min}/4$  --

Column 14, line 56, please change "E" to --  $E_{\text{pre}}$  --

Column 14, line 59, please change "E" to --  $E_{\text{pre}}$  --

Column 15, line 14, please change " $0 < M < +an/2$ " to --  $0 < |y| < +a_{\min}/2$  --

Column 16, line 30, please change "gamin" to --  $\pm a_{\min}$  --

Column 18, line 11, please delete "flat"

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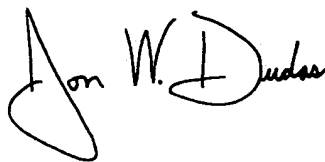
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Claim 32, column 24, line 56, please change "se" to -- set --

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